

1 Response to Office Action dated August 3, 2005

2 Amendments to Claims

3 Claims 45, 47, 53 and 63 have been withdrawn.

4 No new matter has been introduced by way of the amendments to the claims.

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6 Election/Restrictions

7 The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single species from
8 among Figs. 3, 13, 18, 19 and 20. Further, the Examiner has indicated that in the
9 event the Applicants elect the species of Fig. 3, they must then elect a single
10 species from the variations of Figs. 4 through 9.

11 The Applicants hereby elect the species of Fig. 3, and the subspecies of
12 Fig. 8. The Applicants contend that claims 37-44, 46, 48-52, 54, 56-62 and 64-65
13 read on the elected species. Claims 45, 47, 53 and 63 are hereby withdrawn as
14 being directed towards a non-elected species. However, such withdrawal of claims
15 45, 47, 53 and 63 is made without prejudice in the event that a generic claim is held
16 to be allowable.

17 This election is being made without traverse.

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19 Request for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a)

20 Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time under 37 CFR
21 § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to and through October 3, 2005. The
22 required fee is enclosed herewith.

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24 Summary

25 The Applicants believe that this response constitutes a full and complete
response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2005. Therefore, the Applicants

1 respectfully request examination of claims 37-44, 46, 48-52, 54, 56-62 and 64-65 in
2 favor of timely allowance.

3 The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below-signed
4 representative if the Examiner believes this will facilitate prosecution toward
5 allowance of the claims.

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7 Respectfully submitted,

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